



GOD'S LOVE

"CHRIST IN THE EXPERIENCE OF MEN"

William Olney

Christ is pictured in the Pages which are proved
to be Divine:
In their histories and teaching all His wondrous
glories shine:
But they fail in lasting blessing on our spirits to
impart,
Till Faith takes the Christ they offer and receives
Him in the heart.

As a glorious distant Savior we may view Him in
the Word;
As we read, imagination makes His accents to be
heard:
But no rest nor satisfaction do the blessed doc-
trines bring
Till we trust Him as Redeemer, and yield all to
Him as King.

Then in Heavenly experience Jesus claims and
rules the soul;
Thought, Love and Will are subject to His sover-
eign control:
Life is changed, motives are altered, and new
principles arise,
As the Crucified, now Risen, cleanses, governs,
satisfies.

—Gospel Herald

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

Notices

If the following persons are not heard from before our next quarterly conference, their names will be dropped from our books: Lula Taylor, Virginia Higans, Burt Tipton, and J. W. Vestol.—The Church of God, Erwin, Tenn., R. L. Johnson, clerk.

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To the Sunday School superintendents of Alabama: Please see that your Sunday School makes a report to the state secretary and treasurer, Brother L. W. Ledbetter, Dora, Ala., each month and remember to give us your average attendance so we can know who gets the banner at the close of each quarter. You might be surprised to know how Sunday Schools all over the state are working toward this. There is a chance for your Sunday School to get the banner if you will work hard. We will visit your church as soon as we can. District and local pastors, we are depending on you to help us put the Sunday School work over in Alabama.—Colon T. Dunn, state superintendent of Alabama, Sumiton, Ala.

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To the pastors and Sunday Schools in Mississippi: We earnestly appeal to you to co-operate this year in promoting the work of the Sunday Schools. This is one of our opportunities to tell the world about Jesus. So please send me your report early each month. I have heard only from a small per cent of the Sunday Schoo's. There is a great contrast between operation and co-operation. Hattiesburg church has had the banner since the Assembly, so come, pastors and Sunday School officers, we are interested in you.—Yours for better Sunday Schools, A. J. Gardner, State S. S. Supt.

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I am in a revival here in the great State of Maine, where many lost souls are crying for help. Please pray for God to use me here in this needy field. There are not very many Churches of God here. Sixteen have received the Holy Ghost since I have been here. The fields are white but laborers are few. There is plenty to do, but so few to do.—A sister in Christ, Emma Newman, Augusta, Me.

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Notice to the Y. P. E's in Charlotte, N. C. district: Please send me the name and address of both superintendent and secretary of your Y. P. E., and send your monthly report to me at the address given below. I will forward your report to the state superintendent. I will visit each Y.

P. E. on the district at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, if I can assist you in any way, please feel free to write me. Please co-operate with me in all our undertakings.—Eugene M. Bryant, Supt. of Y. P. E. of Charlotte, N. C., District, Box 536, Shelby, N. C.

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To the pastors, officials and workers of Ohio, greetings in Jesus' name! I have accepted the position of state superintendent of the Y. P. E. Let's make it a better and bigger Y. P. E. this year than ever. Please see that your local Endeavor sends a report of your work by the fifth of the month. In your report please state the number increased each month, also how much your offerings have been during the month. Please send a list of your local officers with the first report. Let's co-operate and make the Y. P. E. in Ohio grow.—Mrs. Bessie Suit, State Y. P. E. Supt., State St., Struthers, Ohio.

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My address for this year will be Statesville, N. C., Box 414, as I am pastor there.—Ray Collins.

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The Lakeland district convention will convene at Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 7-9. We are looking for a great feast from the Lord. To all the pastors on the district, please have as good representation from your church as possible. Dinner will be served at the Church Sunday, so everybody come and enjoy the good blessings from the presence of the Lord and don't fail to bring a nice box of good eats. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, will be in charge.—A. M. Sapp, district overseer.

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The Church of God at Omaha, Nebr., has moved into their new building now at 2627 Cummings St. On the opening night we had a wonderful meeting and one soul came back to the Lord and things look better for the church now. Any one wishing to correspond with the pastor, send mail to the same address as the church.—Herald A. Phillips, pastor.

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To the pastors, churches and laymen, greetings in Jesus' name! I earnestly appeal to you for perfect co-operation. Pastors and clerks, make your reports regularly at the first of the month. Pastors, see that the Sunday School secretaries report to the new state Sunday School superintendent, A. J. Gardner, 804 Elizabeth Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. Make report for December and January (attendance only) so he can get started off good on the new year.

Missions: Some of the churches are doing fine on mission work. Let's hurry! One-fourth of the Assembly year is gone, what hast thou done? I'm setting the second Sunday in Febr'y as a state-wide mis-

sion day. Pastors, let's make this a banner mission day, boost this worthy cause, take an offering on that day.

Aged ministers' fund: Pastors, set a day as aged ministers' day and comply with the ruling of the Assembly. Write me when you have finished your quota.

Y. P. E's: Pastors and Young People Endeavors, please co-operate with our state superintendent, Sister Mava Morgan. Invite her to your district and let's all push the young people's work this year.

New fields: If any of our members, who have moved to new fields, want to assist in arranging a revival, write me early for an evangelist. Please don't advertise for ministers through the Evangel. No mail order preachers wanted. Let's pull together. Pray, pray for a state-wide revival.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Mississippi.

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This is to announce the district conventions of the State of Virginia. The conventions will convene as follows: Norfolk district, March 13-15; Schoolfield district, March 20-22; Monroe district, March 27-29; Roanoke district, April 3-5; Pulaski district, April 10-12; Marion district, April 17-19; New River district, April 24-26; Clinchfield district, May 1-3; Glamorgan district, May 8-10.

As we all know the winter has been very cold and disagreeable here in the good State of Virginia, but springtime will soon be here and we are advising that on the fifth Sunday of March each church in the State begin a drive on general indebtedness and continue until it is all paid off. We are also advising that each church have a complete report on a "full paid-up mission quota" at the district conventions.

Come on, dear co-workers, and let's all work together and see the good work go on. The Lord is blessing in a great way here and let's not give the devil a place to get in and hinder. Please pray for us here that the good Lord will continue to bless.—Your humble servant, J. L. Dorman, state overseer of Virginia.

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WANTED TO BUY—A gospel tent for cash. Must be in good condition and cheap.—T. L. Willix, 2501 Walker St., Cleveland, Tenn.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to call your attention to the fact that there are two churches in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a white and colored church. The clerk of the white church is Stella Thomas, 500 Kern St., Pittsburgh, Pa. The clerk of the colored church is Pearl Beals, 2540 Buckenridge St., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Gen. Sec. & Treas.

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The CHURCH of GOD EVANGEL

THE doctrine of the trinity. Trinity means three persons in one. It is very important in this evil day, when many doctrines are being taught, that we should know the truth of this subject as it is taught in God's Word.

Our text is found in 1 John 5:7, 8. "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: these three are one." The three in Heaven are one and the three on the earth agree "in one". The doctrine of the trinity means three persons in one God, and not three Gods. There is a class of people called Oneness, who put no distinction between the three. I absolutely believe in one God, but what does the word "God" mean? When we use the term "God" we are speaking of a "TRINITY". The English language, into which the Bible is translated, says the word "God" means three persons in one, such as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost compose and make the one true God. There are no three Gods, no two Gods, but one "God" composed of a trinity as proved by the Word of God.

The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, three in one; not two, but 'ONE', and I will show you that the doctrine of this oneness cannot be denied. John 10:30, "I and my Father are one." One in unity, 'but three' in number. The oneness comes in the unity, so God says in the seventeenth chapter of John. John 11:21, 22 tells us how this unity comes. Jesus prayed in the garden and in that prayer He said, "Father, I pray that they may be 'one'." In Eph. 5:31 Paul says a husband and wife are one. And if two can be one, why can't three be one? Acts 4:32 states that the Church at Jerusalem was of 'one' heart and 'one' soul. Did eight thousand, one hundred and twenty people all have one big heart? No, a thousand times no. But they were in 'unity' all of one heart, and all of one soul. In Genesis 11:56 we notice the Lord said, "Behold the people are 'one'."

Note the text. There are three who agree in Heaven—the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. Let us note the Word. You must go beyond the virgin birth to see Jesus in His entirety. We see Him in the Bible from all eternity. John 1:1, 14, "In the beginning was the 'Word' (Jesus), and the 'Word' was with God, and the 'Word' was God. And the 'Word' was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

Before the incarnation of Christ He was called the Word, even ever since there has been a God existing. Prov. 8:22-31 shows that in the beginning the Word was the Son of God. Solomon said, "The Lord possessed me in the begin-

Tri-Unity of God

BY REV. J. L. GOINS

ning of his way, before his works of old," speaking directly about the Son of God before His incarnation. "I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, 'I' was brought forth: when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was 'I' brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he (God the Father) prepared the heavens, 'I' (the Word) was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then 'I' was by 'him,' as one brought up with him: and 'I' was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men."

In St. John 17:5, Jesus said, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine self with the glory which I had with thee before 'the world was'." You see how this scripture corresponds with Proverbs which says "before the foundation of the deep, I was with thee in the beginning. I was thy daily delight, always rejoicing before thee."

Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God (the Trinity) created the heaven and the earth." He made heaven first. Isa. 66:1 says, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool."

Yes, God is a Trinity. In Gen. 1:26 God said, "Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness." Let us consider the pronoun "us". Let "us" make man. Now please tell me to whom God is talking. If Jesus is the only one in the Godhead, as our New Light friends proclaim, was He talking to Himself?

We can find the pronoun "us" all the way through the Bible. In Isa. 1:6-8, when God called Isaiah, He said, "Who will go for US? Then said Isaiah, Here am I, Lord, send me." In St. John 14:23 Jesus spoke of this Trinity and said, "WE will come unto him and make OUR abode with him." I thank the Lord forever. Let us, my friend, think for one moment of the great company we are with. "WE will come," the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, with the angels of the Lord that encamp round about them that fear Him. We ought to be able, with this company, to have a camp meeting on an iceberg.

In Gen. 1:26
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1:27 says, "So God
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to introduce the truth of God to people. Some of the Trinity people seem to think that when they see the Father He will be in a body of flesh. The Bible teaches that Jesus came in the express image of His person, but I do not think the Father has a body of flesh for the simple fact that Paul said that in Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, that is, Christ is the only one of the Godhead that has a body of flesh.

God created man in His own image and this is brought out chiefly in the trinity of man. Man is composed of a trinity—spirit, soul, and body. When we look at man we see the image of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; man—spirit, soul, and body. You can see the image of God in nature itself. Look at the tree, you see the sap, wood, and bark, three all in one, and so is the trinity of God all in one God.

Our New Light friends tell us that Jesus and the Holy Ghost are synonymous, but Jesus Himself, in Matt. 12:32, did discriminate between Himself and the Holy Ghost. Jesus refers to the Holy Ghost as being "another Comforter."

Also, our friends tell us that Jesus is His own Father. Can you comprehend fair-minded people teaching such? I want to prove to you by the truth that the Father sent His Son Jesus. In John 8:18 Jesus said, "I am ONE that bear witness of myself, and the Father that SENT ME beareth witness of me." St. John 8:42, "For I proceeded forth and came FROM GOD; neither came I of myself, but HE sent me." Can you comprehend such a thought as a man coming out of a place and leaving himself in there? If Jesus came from God, He must have left some one up there.

St. John 8:19. "Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father?" The first thing some people will say today is, Where is the Father? One man asked me, "Who is Jesus' Father?" I stated, "God the Father." He then asked, "Who is God's Father?" I stated, "If I could answer that I reckon you would want to know who His grandfather was." Jesus' answer to such questions was "Ye neither know me nor the Father."

Note the living Father in John 6:57, "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." John 5:26, "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." The Father and His Son are two in number. St. John 8:16, Jesus said, "For I am not ALONE, but I and

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Greetings to everybody. We are still laboring to make the Evangel a blessing to its many readers. God is blessing in a wonderful way for which we give Him all the praise. We feel sure that with the co-operation of the loved ones of the Church, this will be a great year for the Publishing House.

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MINISTER'S HANDBOOK

We are receiving a few orders for the Minister's Handbook. We have offered this for thirty days at 85¢ per copy. This little book has a leather cover and is quite useful in many ways. Every preacher should have one, and, in fact, it would be a blessing to every member of the Church. This proposition will end Feb. 18th. Please get your order in.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE EVANGEL

Subscriptions are coming in from most every quarter. We received sixty subscriptions Jan. 23rd. Please notice the offers for premiums on the back of the last two Evangel's and begin to work to broaden the circulation of the Evangel. It is the motto of many states to put the Evangel in every home of The Church of God, and it will be well to see that your neighbors subscribe. With a united effort we hope to put the Evangel up to 15,000, but without the hearty co-operation of all laymen and ministers we will not be able to do this.

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THE PROMISER AND THE PROMISEES

With the thousands of promises in God's precious Word, it seems that there would be no trouble in having faith to believe and bring to pass God's precious promises. There are promises enough for every nation and every individual to receive a gracious and bountiful blessing. God is not slack concerning His promises as men count slackness. God is not a man that He should lie. The Strength of Israel will not lie, Numbers 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18.

He is faithful that promised, but we must have faith to believe and lay hold on the promises, Heb. 10:23.

The power of the promise. Being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able to perform, Rom. 4:21.

Our attitude toward the Promiser and His promises. She judged him faithful who had promised, Heb. 11:11. He staggered not at the promises of God, Rom. 4:20. We are to have confidence that all the promises of God in Him are yea, nay and in Him amen, 2 Cor. 1:20.

We are to patiently endure until we obtain the promise, Heb. 6:15. We are willing if God ask it to die in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. We are persuaded of them and embrace them, Heb. 9:13. We believe and testify that God's promises are exceeding and precious promises, 2 Peter 1:4. We believe and testify as to the past, that "there hath failed not one word of all His good promises." 1 Kings 8:56. This, of course, is to Israel and it is holding good in their behalf. We can see God's mighty hand stretched forth to bless and to bring them into their homeland and thousands of them have already returned.

We believe and confess that the Lord is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness. This being true, we must remember that God's mercy will

not always be given to those who are disobedient. On the other hand, those who are faithful and true will receive that that is promised them, 2 Pet. 3:9. We believe and preach regarding the future that we shall all receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised them that love Him. This certainly will be a glorious time and will amply reward all the faithful for all their suffering here below. So let us be patient and remember that the great eye of God is upon us, and though we may be unjustly criticized and many things done that we know are not right. God will give us a reward if we will only suffer for Him, James 1:12.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted of evil, neither tempteth he any man." This is evidence that God suffers the tempter to try us, but with each temptation He will make a way of escape. We can only find that way by being patient and following the leadings of the precious Holy Ghost who is able to bear us up in all trials.

Finally, as Christians we reverently remind the Promiser of His promises. "Thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant. Thy word be true, the word which thou hast spoken, now do thou as thou hast said." These words were spoken by Samuel, one of the greatest judges and prophets in all of Israel's time, and while this promise heads the list of Israel's blessings, the Gentiles have a claim on this same promise, that they will lay hold by faith, 2 Sam. 7:25, 28.

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THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERCOMING FAITH AND VICTORY

It is possible for the Church as an organized body of Jesus Christ, to exercise that faith and victory that will overcome the world, and as a co-operative body be a blessing to every member. This can only be done by hearty co-operation and united effort. This faith being practiced among the leaders and those who are deep in spiritual blessing, will cause those who are lame or weak to be strengthened by the Lord and become strong in faith and power.

The Bible plainly teaches us that in the last days these perils that are now on us will come, but those who expect to overcome and go when Jesus makes His appearance in the clouds of heaven will have to close their eyes to the wicked world about them and with cries and thanksgiving and praises unto God lay hold on the promises. There is no time for turning aside to vain jangling. Those who make it through to the goal will have to exercise that faith that will take no denial and stedfastly press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling

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Standing On The Promises

BY EARL A. CRIPPS

Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray not to faint," or if they really want anything, they will not stop until they get it. Then He relates the instance of the widow, who wanted a petition from an unjust judge and would not take "No" for an answer, also of the man who wanted three loaves of bread from a friend at midnight and got all that he needed because of his importunity. If we, like the Syrophenician woman whose daughter was vexed by a devil, will feel around until we get our feet on something that we have a right to—as the crumbs that fell from the table—we will hear Jesus say, "Great is thy faith, be it done unto thee even as thou wilt."

Oh, reader, if you are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, get on the promise "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire" and say in your heart, "If He does not do it today, tomorrow or next week, I know that He will for He has said so." Do the same with healing, the signs that follow, or anything that God has promised.

What we really need today is a revival of respect for the Word of God. We cannot expect to have it unless we believe the Bible; and not to mix respect (God said it and it is so) with the Word, is not only not to profit by it, but to make God a liar. Like the people of Nazareth who would not believe the Bible when Jesus read it to them and then expected Him to do mighty works, there are too many today who will not believe James 5:14 and the other promises on healing, and then expect someone with that "gift" to come around and heal them. But everything that we get from God comes by consciously or unconsciously cashing a promise. They are the "keys of heaven."

We would not even know how to get saved any more than the Japanese, Chinese, Hindus, etc., if we had never heard John 3:16. And those who will not believe the gospel when they hear it, are as bad off, if not worse, than those who have never heard it. This is why it is not always the amount of the Word that we read (or eat) that does us good, but as with natural food, it is the amount that we assimilate or digest. Most people today are suffering from SPIRITUAL INDIGESTION. They have filled their heads with a lot of prophecy about the signs of the times, etc., and some of them have not even cashed John 3:16, let alone James 5:14; Acts 2:17, etc. And even for "wise virgins" who have "oil

in their lamps", there are scores of practical promises to cash, such as "these signs shall follow them that believe," "out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water," "the works that I do, shall ye do also and greater works for I go to the Father."

Compared to the early church, we are like children splashing on the seashore in water up to their ankles, when there are "waters to swim in" and a broad ocean bosom to carry shiploads of blessings to suffering humanity. God has never cancelled any of His exceeding, great and precious promises to the Church, nor will He as long as the Holy Ghost dispensation lasts. We have the same Jesus, the "like precious faith" that the saints had and if we will believe them, He will do the same for us that He did for them.

God's Word Says Train The Child

DEARING, Kans.—I am a member of The Church of God at Coffeyville, Kans. Brother Clifton C. Rains is our pastor. I am greatly interested in the Y. P. E. work of the church as I am a mother of five children and I am making an effort to train them for the work of the Lord. We know the Word of God tells us we should train them in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. There is a part we have to leave to God, but we must do all we can. Two of my children are members of The Church of God at Coffeyville and two are members of the United Brethren church at Dearing, the other is a baby of four years. We do not have an organized Church of God here. I am praying that we might have.

We would be glad if the Lord saw fit to send Brother French and the trio this way as we believe a young preacher would be an encouragement to our Y. P. E. here. We met Brother French and the trio at the Pittsburg convention. We are putting forth an effort for the Y. P. E. here at Dearing. Mrs. Glen Smith of this place is our president. She served two elections at Coffeyville. We expect to take our Y. P. E. to Coffeyville Jan. 19th to a Y. P. E. rally. We feel we want to represent Dearing. I am one hundred per cent for the rules and regulations set forth in the book "How to Organize a Church of God Y. P. E." No one but God can know what this book has meant to me. It is just my convictions put into print, over which I have suffered many persecutions.

I have been at work with and in the interest of the young people for something like twenty-three years. I was at one time president of the Endeavor of the United Brethren church, but when I ac-

cepted the whole Word of God, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, went into the Pentecostal Church, but felt I had to give up my work, although in my heart I was still there and I worked at it as best I could, getting little groups in my home and striving to carry out my convictions, though many times Satan would hinder and cause me to give up only to be chastened and have to start again. Members of the church, probably not understanding and having not caught the glimpse, caused me much grief. I was called disloyal to God's cause because I saw things differently.

But I am so thankful I have found a Church which stands for the whole Word of God—being saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, evidence of speaking in other tongues, divine healing and the Y. P. E., whose rules are my convictions in print—not a formal church, but one which has power with God and still believes in training all the children who come to church just as we do our own children in the home, caring for their young lives, giving even the unsaved boy or girl good things to do and think about. Glory to God! I am not wrong in having these convictions for my young people's work for God's Word says train them. It doesn't say save them. We cannot do that but we can train them and show interest in them, teaching them the Word, and to sing and play, to pray and look to God, and in this way be the means of helping them to God. If we cannot keep minds occupied the devil will.

Don't become discouraged, Y. P. E. workers, for it will surely pay. God will reward every effort put forth for Him, even to the least.—Yours for God and His service, Mrs. Perry Hagood.

Jesus is So Real

I praise the Lord for what He means to me right now. He keeps me by His mighty power from every evil the enemy puts in my path. It is so sweet to trust Him for healing. He has healed me many times, also my loved ones. Jesus is so real, so near, just when I need Him most. I am not getting weary of the way but am more encouraged to press my claim on Jesus, my Healer, my Savior, my King. I feel His presence at this moment.

Saints, please pray that God will save my husband before it is too late. Pray for me to be humble and true where God can use my life for His glory.—Mrs. C. H. Herndon, Haylow, Ga.

Many have lost in influence with their brethren by pushing and contending with them, but no one has suffered such a loss by submitting to them.

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tain national governments, which are
displaying evident antagonism and oppo-
sition toward churches and religion.

"This church," declared an outspoken minister at a gathering of leaders of his congregation, "has become a marrying and a burying machine." I say, Hurrah for him! It is undoubtedly true that churches of the world are today functioning with feebleness and timidity. They are probably not developing more than ten per cent of their potential power. Many, many of them have gotten into ruts. Many, many of them amount to nothing more than religious educational institutions of a perfunctory character, which do little more than hold religious exercises a certain number of times a week. Their members repeat certain formulas inside of the church building and leave those formulas behind them when they leave the church building.

We Church of God people may say, "That is true of the different denominations of today," but listen, dear ones, we should examine ourselves and see how much more advanced in service for our Master we are than they. We are Holy Ghost filled people. We should at all times be working and planning just how to serve our precious Jesus as He served the people while here on earth.

What does it mean when a man is recommended for certain responsibilities, and it is said of him, "He is a member of such and such a church"? Does it make you feel that you can trust him to do the right thing? It should, if such membership were made to mean what it should mean.

I well remember reading about a young man, about fifteen years ago, going to a city to look for work. He had applied at different business houses but had been turned down. Finally he stepped into a big dry goods store and applied for a job. The manager asked him, "What recommendation have you?" He began to fumble in his coat pocket for some letters. He dropped a nice slip of paper that had the appearance of some kind of a certificate. The man picked it up and unfolded it. It was that this young man was a member of a certain church that issued church letters to the members when leaving one place for another. So the manager found that this young man was a loyal member of a certain church and he gave him a real place with his house.

Could you think, my friends, that that could be the case of today? What definite part do many churches play in

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elevating and strengthening the spiritual and moral life of their community? How firm an attitude do they take for righteousness in every phase of the community activities? What demand do many churches make for decency and integrity in business, in profession, in government? Some of the leading churches of the nation are officered and controlled by men whose principles and policies will not bear scrutiny. Others are officered and controlled by men who do not stand foursquare for anything. Some ministers, in order to keep off the toes of their congregations, confine their attacks on iniquity to the conduct of certain characters in the Old Testament. Saints of God, can we fashion ourselves after such? I say a thousand times "No." We must preach "Thus saith the Lord."

We find in Eph. 4:11, 12, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Can we as pastors of God's heritage fail God in a time like this? We are here in Christ's stead for the perfecting of His saints. My Lord, help us to herald to the people of God their duty to God and our fellowman.

Sometimes it is necessary to completely level, to completely pull down a structure before a better, more workable, more usable one can be erected. If you were in the place of the Divine Creator, you would probably be disgusted with the performance being constantly put on or not being put on, by certain groups, certain sects, theoretically committed to follow your commands and to uphold your standards, yet in reality doing little save making more or less empty gestures.

There are no elements in our civilized life that need reorganizing more, yes, complete reconstructing, than do the churches. Many churches are letting golden hours with their golden opportunities slip by. With an organization as great as theirs, they could, if they were sincere and zealous and were living earnestly and energetically by their accepted doctrines, uplift the entire life of any nation in which they have a firm foothold.

We can see the rapid growth of the only Bible church, *The Church of God*. She is gradually moving to every land and country but, dear servants of God, our spiritual side needs more attention than does the educational. I believe in educational phases in every line. God forbid that I should say anything to the

contrary to education, but we Church of God people should be more concerned about the spiritual side than anything else.

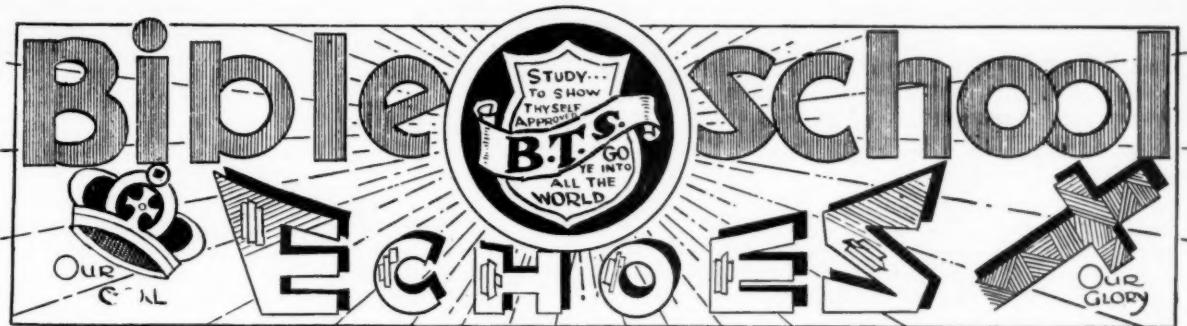
The world can go to places and hear good music, good singing, and real orators speak that haven't any life-giving substance about them. Christ Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me," St. John 12:32. And again Christ told Peter that "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee," speaking of Himself, "but my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 16:17. Now flesh and blood cannot reveal the body of Christ, which is His Church (Col. 1:18), to any one but that comes in and thru the work of God and Him alone. And if we are not fully consecrated to Him, how can He use us or our vocal organs to elevate the work of His dear Son? He cannot. I feel that the denominations of today are seeing their helpless conditions. Just a few months ago a certain church worker made the statement of his church, after a revival, that they didn't need any more members but needed to get the ones they already had to fully consecrate themselves to God.

Church fellowworkers, are we to let the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ drag in the dust while millions are going down every day in everlasting damnation? Let us wake up, shake ourselves, quit sleeping with our heads in the lap of the world. We have the grandest thing on God's earth to boast of—The Church of God and her government. We should do as Moses, Daniel, and Elijah of old, fast and pray, consecrate ourselves unto God, that He may use us for the work whereunto He has called us.

In Ezek. 34th chapter we find God talking to Ezekiel concerning the shepherd of Israel. V. 4 reads, "The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them." Can that be said of us, my dear ones? We should contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. God needs some Gideons, some Daniels and Moses today. Can He count on us, or will He have to let us go down and lift others up on whom He can depend?

We notice that next to the last command, just before the supper in St. Luke 14:21, we are to go quickly to the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind, and bring them in. "How can we?" I hear some one ask. The only way, my brother, to bring them is to have power and

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**Glad To Be in B. T. S.**

Dear Evangel readers: I am thankful for the privilege of attending B. T. S. this term. It is my first year and I am enjoying the privilege of associating with my first Christian student body, and being taught by Holy Ghost-filled teachers. There surely is a contrast between B. T. S. and high school. I am made to wonder what would be the condition of America today if its many student bodies were taught the true value of the Bible and the essence of prayer. I am sure there would be different aims in life and different conditions throughout the land, on the part of the young people at least. Too, what a difference it would make if the soon coming political campaigns could be converted into soul-saving campaigns and the main plank in the platform be old time religion. Of course this can never be but we Christians can start a campaign of our own, led and directed by Christ for this new year, soliciting not votes, but souls for Christ. Will you give Christ your life and influence? Remember B. T. S. in your prayers and don't forget to send in a sum on the boys' dormitory.—A brother in Christ, R. H. Maxwell.

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Service Not Without God's Presence

ABILENE, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers: I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing The Church of God here in Abilene. We had an all-day service Sunday, Jan. 5th. We had our district pastor, Brother Wilma Henry, with us who spoke to us on "The Duty of a Shepherd and the Duty of the Flock" which was enjoyed by all. Brother J. J. Gilley from Sweetwater gave a good talk, also Brother King Beaube from Colorado City spoke to us on "Co-operation". This was very

beneficial.

We were more than glad to have with us our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Jack Gilbert, from Big Springs. He gave a wonderful talk on "The Need of the Y. P. E. and Sunday School." Surely the Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and His presence and power was felt throughout the day, from the first song until the last prayer. In fact, He is blessing in every way in the church here.

The Lord is also doing some wonderful healings. Sister Nettie Everett had

been in bed for over two months with T. B. The doctors said that she must stay there for six months, but we just kept on praying and believing. On the night of January 16th several of the saints met at her house, prayed for her, and the Lord instantly healed her. Now she is coming to church every service and telling of the wonderful healing power of Jesus. We covet your prayers.—H. C. Pole, pastor.

To submit may seem like going thru a tunnel, but is a sure way to keep on the right track and avoid a collision.

Requests

Everyone who reads this please take me before the throne of God in prayer. I have a very urgent request for prayer for the healing of my body. The Lord has healed me many times and I know He can do it now. There's something in my nose that has just about cut my breathing off. I don't know if it's a growth or my adenoids or catarrh or what it is, but something seems to be affecting my whole body. I haven't any pep, energy or power to go ahead and do any thing. It seems like I have to force myself into it and my eyes ache. I have an urgent unspoken request. God knows what it is and is able to smite it and give me perfect health. I don't want to trust anything but God. Pray that I'll be drawn closer to Him. It is so hard to live a Christian life without the Holy Ghost and no meeting to go to in the winter time. Pray that God will give me perfect health and fill me with the Holy Ghost and make a soul winner out of me that I may be ready for His soon coming. I feel like I am nearly dried up. Pray that God will put me on fire for Him and build me up in faith. Life surely has been miserable the last few years, but through Jesus there is victory. Praise His wonderful name! Pray for us that God will send some good preacher here. There are many hungry hearts here if we just had some one to get something started.—A brother in Christ, Paris Schaberg.

A revival is now on in Lenoir, N. C., with Brother Swift in charge. The Lord is blessing in each service. Please pray for God to have His way and many souls pray through.—Pearl Auten.

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! I want all the dear saints to pray that God will remove the pain in my shoulder and give me faith to trust Him with both soul and body. I suffered bitterly for three days and nights, so that I couldn't sleep or do my cooking and I know that God has the power to remove all aches and pains. Pray for my little daughter that she will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost before it is too late.—Mrs. W. K. Janard, Gainesville, Ga.

This morning finds me still saved and sanctified and going on with Jesus. A while back a little knot came on my tongue. I asked God to take it away and I would testify in the Evangel but I

didn't. So last night I had a smothering in my throat and could hardly breathe. I have had some spells like it before. I think it is caused by an inward goiter. I asked God to help me and I would do as I had promised. He helped me and I thank Him for it. Please pray earnestly for me as I have unspoken requests but God knows all things.—One who is looking for Jesus to come and wants to be ready when He comes or calls, Miss Currie Mooney, Schoolfield, Va.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray a special prayer for my father-in-law. He got hurt last Tuesday and is in a very bad condition. Pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my husband and loved ones who are in sin to be saved and my home to be a light, shining to this lost world. Pray that I will get closer to Jesus.—Your sister, Mrs. Eva Hampton, R. R. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

Please pray for the revival going on now at Statesville, N. C., with Brother T. J. Looney in charge. All the neighboring churches are invited to come over and help us.—Ray Collins, pastor.

We have arranged to begin a meeting here at Copperhill, Feb. 3, with Luther A. Richard in charge. Please pray that God will visit us with a great revival. We are having some wonderful meetings and some are praying through.—Robert Bell, pastor.

Pray a special prayer for me. My health is bad and the devil is trying to affect my mind. I still feel that I have the dear Holy Ghost. Don't pass this up. Pray that God will make it possible for us to get where we can attend the Church of God, and that God will increase my faith.—A troubled sister from West Virginia.

Dear saints of God, I want everyone who will, to pray a special prayer for my son, Arthur Corley, 1309 Lilac St., Youngstown, Ohio. He has been in bad health for several months. He said the doctor said he had bad heart trouble and couldn't do him any good. His wife is a member of the Church of God and he believes in it, but he is not saved. He asked me to pray for him and I ask all the praying people to pray for him that God will heal him, if it is His will, and if it is not His will, to forgive him of all his sins and save his soul before He takes him out of this world. Pray for the Lord to make a way for me to go to see him, or if he is able to make the trip, for him and his wife to come to see me before he leaves this world. Also pray for my daughter's baby as it has something grow-

ing in its mouth, which the doctor says might be a cancer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. N. A. Corley, Midland City, Ala., Rt. 2.

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Pray that God will draw me closer to Him, deliver me from the bondages of Satan and reveal His full will to me in regard to what He would have me do in some matters that now perplex me.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

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I have a very urgent request. I ask that the whole Church everywhere pray for me to be healed of this awful tumor, also cold. I am trusting God and He has wonderfully blessed me by taking away all pain, I need help from God. There is only one saint here who believes the Lord can heal without aid. Everybody says I'll have to be operated on, but I'm trusting God by His faith and grace, live or die. I have been trusting God for twelve years and He has done many wonderful blessings in our home. He healed one of my little boys of T. B. of the bone, also relaxed the leaders of the leg that were drawn, so that his leg is straight and he can walk as good as ever. I know it would not be pleasing to God and He would not get the glory if I were operated on. It means something to trust God. If some saint who has the gift of divine healing could lay hands on me and rebuke the devil and this disease, I'd surely be glad. God bless all the saints is my prayer.—Mrs. S. S. Williams, Sherburne, La.

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Dear saints, I want to praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in our mission at East Lake. Please continue to pray earnestly that God will make a real soul-saving station out of the mission. Pray for God to save the lost, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost, and heal the sick who come to our mission. We invite you to come and be with us. Services Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. Sunday School 9:45, preaching 11:00 o'clock.—H. L. Kitchen.

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I praise God for the way He has been blessing here. Since Brother Earl Henderson came here last March, the work is going good. We are few in number but are pulling together. I praise the Lord for the work here. Pray for all the saints.—Mrs. Blanche Moore, clerk.

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Dear Evangel readers and saints everywhere: I am thanking the Lord for what He is to me, for the sweet Holy Ghost that keeps me always. I have been sick for a long time and have a burning in my back at times which makes the other pains worse. The doctor says I can't be cured, but I know the same God that

saved me, can heal me. Dear ones, please pray for me that God will heal me if it is His will. Don't turn this request down, for I need help from God. Pray for my husband, that God will save him before it is too late.—Viva Bobo.

Please pray for the healing of my body. I have the flu. My head is bothering me, also my kidneys, so please pray if it is the dear Lord's will that He will heal. He has healed me many times.—Mrs. W. M. Livingston, Rt. 1, Box 44, Poplar Grove, Ark.

Please pray for my mother. She is in a terrible condition and the doctors don't seem to know what the trouble is. I know God is able to heal her, if it's His will and if it's not, I want every one to pray for her, for God to heal her soul and give her the blessing so when He sees fit to call her, she will be ready. Earnestly pray for her for she is a good mother and a good woman, but I know that will not save her. I want her to know the Lord in His fullness. Pray for me. I have the blessing but the enemy is working on every hand. Pray that I will hold out faithfully until the end.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Victoria Shaw, Rt. 3, Wake Forest, N. C.

I am requesting prayer for my father-in-law. He is very sick, having been in bad health for several years. He is now bedfast, so please pray earnestly for him. He believes in healing, and has the Holy Ghost. He is a member of the great Church of God. I also have an unspoken request.—Mrs. Nellis Phillips, Vine Grove, Ky., Rt. 2.

Please remember me in your prayers as I have been afflicted for ten years with a tumor. I am trusting our unchanging God for healing.—Sister Beulah Ruth Hamner.

Dear Evangel readers, will you please pray for the Lord to heal my foot? It has been sore almost all the fall and winter. I am trusting the Lord to heal me, so please pray for me and my home.—Your brother in the Church of God, C. D. Wright, Rt. 2, Tyronza, Ark.

We, at Greenville, N. C., need your prayers. We have no place for service. Please ask God to help us. We haven't even a lot and can't rent a building in Greenville. Pray for God to open the way. The little band here is faithful and wants to do and we are moving along nicely spiritually, but we need a church. Ask God to give us even a building of any kind, that we may have a Sunday School, Y. P. E., etc. Pray much for us.—B. G. Pomroy, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 24.

Greenville, N. C.

This morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am sick in body, got crippled the second of November and have not walked a step since. The doctors say that arthritis has set up in every bone in my foot. The saints pray for me and I get wonderful blessings, but the Lord has not healed me. I know He can for He has healed me many times. Pray for me to be healed if it is the Lord's will. I can say from the depth of my heart, "Thy will be done." I am happy in my suffering. There are no saints here at all practically, so please pray for me and my home to be a home of prayer. I am the only one in the way.—Minnie Harding, Mulga, Ala.

I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I was a backslider, but He has taken me back. The devil tries me on every corner. He tries to make me doubt. Please pray for me and my husband, who is an unbeliever. I am sick right now, so please pray for me as soon as possible, for the healing of my body and for God to give me more faith and strength.—One who needs your prayers, Mrs. C. L. Ferguson, Weir, Miss.

I want all of God's children to pray for my mother and father, two sisters and three brothers and brother-in-law, that they will come in this good way. I have had salvation nearly seven months. Please pray for me that I will grow stronger in the faith and get closer to Jesus Christ, my Savior. Pray for my eyes as they are weak. I am the only one at home who has salvation and that makes it hard for me, but I keep on praying.—A sister in Christ, Miss Ira Hand, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Pray a special prayer for God to undertake in my home. I know He does hear and answer if we hold on to Him in faith, believing. Pray that He will change our home regardless of the cost. Pray especially for me for God to give me victory and grace to overcome what I am having to go through. I am a member of the dear old Church of God and want to be loyal and ready to go when Jesus comes.—A discouraged sister.

Please pray for this place here where I live. I am the only one here who belongs to the Church of God, and it is very much discouraging. Jesus and I alone. I don't get to attend church often as I live about forty-five miles away. Brother Teague surely preached a fine sermon at Beasley Chapel about two weeks ago. He was the first Church of God preacher I have heard in two years. I've heard several sermons over the air and will appreciate any one dropping a card to me or the

Evangel whenever you broadcast, so that I can listen in. Some good spiritual preaching and singing would be food to my soul. Pray much for me that I may grow stronger in faith that I may bring others to the light. Pray a special prayer for my sisters and brothers who are out in sin. I would be glad to receive an encouraging letter from any one.—Mrs. Grace Ammons Lucker, Rt. 2, Alamo, Tenn.

Please pray a special prayer for my husband and me to be healed. He has had ulcers for fifteen years and I have had rheumatism for years and can't get relief in my arms and shoulders. Pray for my children to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. One has the Holy Ghost. Pray for the saints here. We do not have our church set in order yet because we do not have enough members. Pray that God will bless us, save, sanctify, baptize with the Holy Ghost, and make it possible for us to have a church here. Don't forget to pray for husband and me to be healed.—A sister in Christ, Alvah Franks, Wesser, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray for me as I surely need prayer. The call of God is upon me and I have a large family, seven of us. God says for us to let our requests be made known unto Him and He will supply our needs so pray for me. I am in need of a gospel tent, house trailer, and a Bible, and it seems that the devil almost has me shut in. I am willing to buy a tent if I can get it on time, also if any one has a house trailer they would rent me for the summer, let me hear from you. If any one wants me for a revival at any place I can get to, I will come. I am not afraid of hard places. I am out for Christ and His church and He has always come to my rescue.

We are beginning a revival Feb. 1 at Lavonia, Ga., and want to see many souls saved. Pray that I may prove that the Church of God is right and that I might be a shining light to them. Also pray for the healing of my body as I have almost had a nervous breakdown since running a revival through Christmas. My lungs have been giving me some trouble too.—Your brother, W. A. Goss, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Ga.

The saints of God at Parrish, Fla., ask that on the 4th of February each Church of God saint please pray that God will send a revival to this place in the near future, and send some one with a large tent. We will appreciate those fasting who will. We believe God will answer prayer. Please pray that the Lord will open up a way for us to attend service more.—A sister, Miss Mary Turner, Parrish, Fla.

REPORTS

Determined To Obey God

CULBERSON, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers: We truly praise God for the miracle He performed in the healing of my body on Jan. 8th, about sunset. I took very ill suddenly with an attack of acute indigestion. Seemingly everything became dark and my life seemed to be ebbing out, and I remembered saying, "Lord, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Praise the dear Lord, He wasn't yet done with me here in this low land of sin and sorrow, and when I became obedient to His precious will, I opened my eyes and saw a light, and a voice seemed to say, "You are not letting your light shine as you should."

On Sunday night, Jan. 5th, our leader, Sister Grace Grant, preached in our home, using for her subject, "Men Between two Powers". In connection with this she used a scripture, Isa. 14:12-14, bringing to our minds the will power the devil has over souls today, asking the question, How much will power have we to overcome the devil and make heaven our home?

After Sister Grant prayed for me the Lord touched my body and healed me, although I was yet very weak. They laid me on the bed and I could hear those words ringing in my ears that Sister Grant repeated over in her sermon, "I will, I will" and I said, "Lord, I will". Praise God, I'm still healed this morning and am determined by the grace of God to obey Him henceforth. I earnestly ask the prayers of all the dear Evangel readers and God's people everywhere that I will be a soul winner for Jesus, that my entire family will be brought in this good way of holiness and that they too will be a shining light for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ella Jenkins.

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Determined to Press On

Holy greetings in Jesus' name! I want to praise Him for saving my soul from sin and I am determined by His grace to press this battle to the end. I am an evangelist working in Kew Turks Island, B. W. I., and we have a good organization. We have church in my home and it is getting too small for the crowd. We want a larger place. We are trusting God to help us. We have a good Sunday School and also a fine Y. P. E., made up of saved and unsaved. I am preaching the Word and they are increasing. Our secretary is getting along nicely. Pray for her as she is much interested in the work. Our Y. P. E. has five teachers: Thomas Outten, Veline Handfield, Sarah

Outten, Gloria Outten, and Owna Capron. They are standing in the way, and looking for the good path. Pray for them. Pray for me as I am in need of all the help I can get to carry this work on.—P. S. Rigby.

* * * Stand For the Truth

SUFFOLK, Va.—The large tabernacle at Suffolk, Va., is completed. We had our first service last night and it was a wonderful service. The tabernacle will seat about eight hundred people when seated properly. This is a new field for The Church of God, so every praying child of God pray for us over here in Eastern Virginia.

I would be glad to hear from my preacher brethren, and if you ever come this way, come by. You will be welcome. But you who come by must preach in the old-fashioned way and stand for The Church of God as we used to. I am sorry to say some of our good people are compromising and not standing for the Church as we once did.

Dear brethren and sisters, if ever there was a time we need to stand for the truth, it is now. I feel that Jesus is coming soon. My prayers are for elders, bishops and overseers, that God will keep them in the middle of the road. The Church has some rough sailing ahead, and if we are not led by the Holy Ghost, it will be bad. Did you know we who hold offices in this great Church will have to give account for our stewardship some day? We who abuse our office will regret it some day. Oh, if we could just realize what we are doing, where we are going, things would be so different. Whatsoever thing we say, whatsoever thing we do, do it as unto the Lord, for He sees you and knows whether you are serving Him from the heart or serving for vainglory.

I feel if the curtains of time were rolled back and we could see just a few days ahead, we would be more loyal. God knows I love His Church and want to see it rise and shine for Him. May the Holy Ghost lead us into the right way. We need His guiding hand in these fast times. Oh, how the devil is sweeping thousands of people into hell. Christian friend, what are you doing to stop this mad rush to hell? Are you holding up the banner of love, are you telling them that the pleasure of salvation is better than things of this world? Lord, help us to do more this year than any year in the past, for the time is short. Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.—D. R. Robinson.

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A Great Revival Promised

Dear saints, I find a greater desire in

my heart to live for God. I have been failing to step out on the promises of God as I should. Let's work together with love, stand for our pastor, and overseers and do our best for The Church of God and its teachings. Thank the Lord. Come on, Unity Church of God members, let's confess our faults and the Lord will hear us. Then He will bless our souls and our little church. The devil is doing his best trying to destroy our church but the Lord has power to destroy all evil. Now let us get busy and stand on God's promises and we will win.

My soul is burdened and hungry, but I feel that there is a great reward just ahead if we Church of God members will unite ourselves together in word and prayer, fast and pray, believing it will be done. The Lord said He would not leave or forsake us. I know the Lord is with me, I can feel His presence and the Comforter still witnesses as I kneel in prayer.

Those who have crossed the separation line, let us stay across and not step one inch back into the world. Don't be quick to give over to every wind of doctrine that comes along. Oh, dear saints, don't forget to pray. My eyes are dim with tears and my heart is breaking to see so many claiming the baptism and going right along with the world. If there ever was a time when people are falling away from God, it is now. I want a closer walk with God, Oh, Lord, please give me faith as a little grain of mustard seed. I want to be so close to Jesus that my life will brighten my pathway wherever I go. I want my life to be a blessing to others that I might speak one word that will plant a little seed in some one's heart that will spring up and bring forth fruit unto the Lord.

I am a member of The Church of God, have the blessing in my soul and victory, for which I am thankful. I have started to never turn back. Sometimes Satan's power gets so strong it seems as if I will be overcome, but thank the Lord, He always comes to my rescue before it is too late. I humbly ask the prayers of all God's children for me and my companion and little boy. My little boy has a very bad cold.—Your humble sister in Christ, Lillian Palmer, Guntown, Miss.

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A Great Help

Dear Evangel readers, we are glad to report that Pittsburg, Kans., is on the upward move. We have had a hard struggle here for sometime trying to build our church house. Brother J. E. Douglas, our overseer last year, started the work but didn't get to come back this year. But along came our state over-

seer, Brother J. M. Snyder, full of courage with his good cheerful wife and gave us a great big lift.

We were without a pastor and were not having service, but now, we are in our building. It is not completed but we can have service, also Sunday School. We have a well organized Sunday School now.

The people love Brother and Sister Snyder and we feel they will be a great help to the work in Kansas and the other states over which he is appointed overseer. Brother Snyder is up and going and is working hard. He does not idle away any time. He bought some carpenter tools and worked hard on the building, while not busy with his other work in the church, just to put this work over. We feel if all will co-operate with Brother Snyder throughout the state, Kansas will move forward for The Church of God.

We do not want to fail to mention the good faithful service of Brother Douglas and our other former state overseers also.

Since we have been appointed state mission treasurer, pastors and clerks, please be mindful of the Church ruling on this worthy cause and try and be as prompt as possible.—At your service on missions, W. R. Bolte, 810 E. 10th St., Pittsburgh, Kans.

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Things Looking Good For Christ

We surely praise God for the way He is blessing on the Demorest, Ga. district. People are getting their eyes open to the true gospel. We have a real man of God for our district overseer, Brother T. W. Harkins. We truly praise God for him for he surely does stand foursquare for The Church of God and its teachings. Several have come in the church since he has been with us, some from other holiness movements, and some are paying their tithes to The Church of God at Demorest, Ga., and belong to another holiness movement. I think they will come in soon.

Brother Harkins is a good man to work with. All the people seem to love him. Things are looking good for Christ and His Church in this country. We have some true Church of God saints here. We are poor but have the fire of God in our midst. If you ever come this way stop and be with us.—A brother, W. A. Goss.

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West Virginia, A Great Mission Field

I wish to say that for some time I have been led to write something about the mission work in the good old State of West Virginia. As many of you know West Virginia is one of the oldest states for The Church of God. Ministers who

did some of the pioneering in this state have gone on to glory, and those who still are with us, their hair has turned to silver.

The writer for many years has preached in this lovely mountain state, and I must say that I have never seen people who would accept the Word with all their hearts like the people in this state. West Virginia is a large state, and it gives to any minister who wishes to work in the harvest field of God a great opportunity. In many parts of the state there is no organized holiness work at all.

Now here is what I wish to say, new work can be opened up only as the amount of money sent to your state treasurer will permit. If all the churches in West Virginia would come to the front on their mission quota we could do great things. When I, as mission treasurer of the state, see the amount of churches listed in our Minutes and then know the number of churches that report each month, I really am astonished. May God help every pastor and evangelist who is working in West Virginia to do something about getting the need of missions before the people of our state.

There is a matter I wish to mention and that is, I notice from Brother Boehmer's quarterly report on missions for West Virginia that \$81.77 was sent to him at Headquarters and my report shows \$31.65 less. According to the rule of the Assembly my report should be the same as his. Evidently some one is sending to Headquarters and not sending to me. So I am making a plea as your state mission treasurer to co-operate with me and see that this is adjusted. In this way it would help me to serve you better and would bring more money into our own state, so pastor see that your clerk reports promptly at the first of each month.

We have at this time some very good openings that we could use if every pastor would raise his mission quota. Come on, let everyone of us ministers get this worthy cause on our heart. In doing this we will not only be loyal to God but fulfill the wishes of our esteemed overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, also complying with the rule of the Assembly.

May God's richest blessings be upon all who are working in the great State of West Virginia, and my prayers are that God will give us many souls this year. Please pray for me as I try to serve you and God.—A. T. Little, state mission treasurer, 53 Moore St., Salem, Va.

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Saints Led the Way

I thank God for the way He is blessing in Gainesville, Ga. We started a revival at the church Christmas week. The

weather was very bad. It began to snow, sleet and rain, and although the church is not ceiled and the floor is in bad condition, the people walked through the snow, mud and water and came to service. The saints led the way and others followed. Thank God for some true believers here.

Brother W. A. Goss from Clarksville, Ga., did the preaching and it seemed he was at his best. He preached the Word with power and it had its effect. The saints were made to rejoice at every service. Eleven were saved and sanctified, five were baptized with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. We are looking forward for a great year here in Gainesville. Pray for us.—H. M. Duck, pastor.

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Report of the Work at Worcester, Mass.

The Lord is blessing in Worcester, Mass. We came here the 10th of January and found everything going fine. Sisters Banks, Smith and Diffenderfer were in charge previous to our taking charge. I feel there is a great work to be accomplished in this place. Worcester, like a great many other large cities, is calling for The Church of God. There are always a few everywhere who are anxiously awaiting the truth.

The New England states are fast becoming ripe for harvest. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth workers into the vineyard, for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

To everyone who can pray the prevailing prayer, pray for us that we might see the will of the Lord accomplished while we are here. Anyone desiring to write us address us at 225 Main St., Worcester, Mass.—Yours in His service, Hubert G. Flowers, wife and mother.

NOTICE

The Tampa district convention will convene at Sulphur Springs, Fla., Feb. 21-23. We are looking forward to this convention for a great time in the Lord. Since we have only one convention of this kind on the district each year, let us co-operate one hundred per cent, pastors and churches, and make the convention the best yet. The Bible tells us we are workers together with God, so now let us demonstrate that part and show by our presence at this convention that we are. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Bring your basket full, carry it away empty. Come prepared to carry your spiritual basket away running over. The state overseer will be in charge.—H. L. Chesser, district pastor, Clearwater, Fla., 825 Pinellas St.

MISSIONS

FRIENDS OF GOD

BY C. E. GLENN

"Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness," Romans 4:3. The life of Abraham in the Bible begins with God speaking to him, and with Abraham believing and acting upon what God said. The world has never been without men who were sure that they heard God's voice. He is surely able to communicate with His people and let them know His divine will and assure them of His presence and His interest in them. He can impress them with such an obligation as can only be understood as the will of God. We have heard His voice in many promises, which He has made us through His Word, but the text tells us that when God has spoken and we have heard His voice, the only thing to do is to believe Him. Some are losing valuable time in criticisms and not taking Him at His promises.

Eph. 5:15, 16, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." We know the days in which we are living are evil days and he that winneth souls is wise. It seems that many are fainting and falling away, but the Word says pray and not faint. To hear God's voice we must pray. Brothers, pray till your prayers go through, as there are many calls, "Come and help us."

Many opportunities are opening up for the great Church of God on Prince Edward Island, an island with a population of ninety thousand people, and not many know what it will take to go up in the rapture. We must not forget that the life of Abraham was rich in natural possibilities and the future looked good in Ur of the Chaldees, but the voice said "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee." He stood before God justified by his faith, a man with whom God was well pleased, a man who is called in the Scripture "the friend of God." Many will notice in the New Testament about Abraham and his faith. Paul says, "Look at Abraham."

Obedience to His voice increases our faith. Now the same voice is heard today. "My sheep know my voice, and a stranger they will not follow." There is no other voice like God's voice, although there are other voices, but none are like His. When we fail to believe God, when His voice speaks to us and says, "Come over and help us," and our heads are

hung low, God says, "Lift up your heads, the harvest is white and laborers are few." Brother, pray and then listen for God's voice or the cry for help. If we can't hear His voice now, how can we hear it when He comes for His bride? We may not know how God spoke to Abraham nor how Abraham was sure that it was God who had spoken, but we know how God speaks to us and the only thing we have to say to ourselves is, "There is God's will and purpose and promises for me."

John looked at Jesus and said "We shall be like him." Paul said, "We have borne the image of the earthly and we shall bear the image of the heavenly." That is the height to which the heart can rise in a man who has heard the voice of God, and pressing toward the mark he must have faith to please God. Brother, are we pleasing God by believing what He says do? Move out and see the poor people who need God. There are many requests calling for prayer; the sick are needing healing, and many sheep needing a shepherd or a Church of God preacher.

REPORTS

Lord Blessing Wonderfully

CRAMERTON, N. C.—We thank the Lord for what He has done for us. He sent us one among the best pastors in the whole Church of God. We surely do praise Him for Brother and Sister W. W. Harmon and their children. They have been a blessing to our church and community. Through him and the good Lord we have ceiled our church and paid cash for it.

We just closed a three weeks' singing school which was a great success. Brother John Yates was in charge. The school will prove a blessing to our choir. At the end of the school we had a singing convention which was a great success also. There were quartets, trios, duets, and choir singing. The Greenville string band was with us and we rode on that "heav enbound train" with them and it was enjoyed. We invite every one back any time they can come. Brother Harmon organized a third Sunday singing convention to be held the third Sunday in each month. Don't forget singers, we are looking for you. The next convention will be with Brother Nelson. We also have a radio broadcast every other Saturday

from 5:30 to 6:00 over WSOC, Charlotte, N. C.

Our Sunday School is growing, also our Y. P. E. Everybody who knows the Lord pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, James Cannon.

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A Real Visit of the Holy Ghost at Rhodell, W. Va.

RHODELL, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers: Just a note of praise for our blessed Savior for the good revival we just closed last night, Jan. 20th, with forty-eight saved. Out of this number thirty-three were sanctified, thirty filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-five added to the church. Brother Arlie Whitlow from Kellysville did the preaching and the Lord surely backed him up with the power of God.

The weather has been very bad here with snow, sleet and rain, but it didn't keep the people from coming. We had a packed house every night. The young and old alike were filled with the power of God. They were slain under the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost and prophesied under the power that Jesus was coming soon, and very soon, and that there would be great tribulations, bloodshed and famines in the year of 1936.

A young girl while under the power gave out scripture after scripture, chapter and verse, all pointing to the coming of our great King. We, The Church of God here at Rhodell, are praising the Lord for this great feast and for the many precious souls He gave for the church here.

We have a fine Young People's Endeavor of forty and most all of them are Church of God. Seventeen out of this number have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They chose me as their president, so please remember us in your prayers, also the church here.—R. A. Fielden, pastor; Nannie Fielden, clerk and treasurer.

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God Wonderfully Touched His Body

PARMA, Mo.—Dear readers of the Evangel, I am glad to say that the Lord still heals. My dear little baby was sick and it looked just like he was not getting any better. I got up and prayed for God to heal his little body. God wonderfully touched him and he rested better the rest of the night. I know God wonderfully touched his little body and he is doing just fine now, for which I truly praise the good Lord.

I ask all the children of God to earnestly pray for me and my family that it will be an unbroken circle around the throne of God.—Your unworthy sister, Mrs. Julia Parker.

Death Notices

FULLER

The death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller Jan. 16, 1936 and claimed for its victim their darling baby girl, Edith Merle. She was eighteen months old. Interment was made in Marvell cemetery with Brother Henry in charge of the funeral.—Her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Pyron, Marvell, Ark.

BEAL

Jimmie Beal, born October 26, 1923, died Jan. 15, 1936. He was the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beal of Meyersdale, Pa. His mother is a member of the Meyersdale Church of God.—One who loved him and his mother, Mrs. Noble Stern, Meyersdale, Pa.

BRANT

Little Silvia Mordel Brant, daughter of Brother and Sister L. R. Brant, died Dec. 3, 1935. Funeral services were conducted at the church at Somerset, Pa., by Brother J. A. Bixler, pastor.—Father, L. R. Brant.

DEAN

Mr. Goliath Dean was sixty-five years of age and departed this life Dec. 21, 1935. He was a member of the Church of God.—H. Hanley, clerk.

KENERLY

Sister Fannie Kenerly passed away to be with Jesus Jan. 5, 1936. She was sick only half an hour before her death. She was a member of the Church of God for eighteen years.—One who loved her, Annie Freeze, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

RICHMOND

Little Ninie Dell Richmond, daughter of Arlin and Rosie Richmond, departed this life Dec. 16, 1935. She was four years, one month and eight days old. Her funeral was conducted by Brother Headley and her body laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery.—Bessie McDaniel.

Good Revival at Carrier Mills

CARRIER MILLS, Ill.—A revival has just closed here with Brother Dalton Short, wife and Brother Adrian Christy as evangelists. They did some good preaching and singing and had some fine music which was enjoyed by all. We also had Brothers Ancel Newton and Billie Pierce with us two nights. Brother Newton delivered two fine messages while here. We also appreciated having our district overseer, Brother J. R. Thomas, with us in one service. Six were saved or

reclaimed, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost. We had very bad weather and there was lots of sickness during the meeting which was a hindrance, but there was much accomplished anyway for which we praise the Lord.

We certainly appreciated having the good humble workers with us and enjoyed having them in our homes. Pray much for the little church at Carrier Mills.—Your brother, John O. Yates, pastor.

God is Blessing the Work Here

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—Today we feel that we have much to praise our Savior for—His love and goodness, life and strength, and above all His wonderful power. We are thankful for the work that is being carried on here at our church. We have a fine Sunday School and a splendid Y. P. E. We feel that we have one of the best in the state. We appreciate our young people at Blacksburg.

And too, we thank God for our state Y. P. E. president, Brother C. F. Grant of Spartanburg. We love him and are pleased with the way he is carrying on the work.

We thank God for our pastor. We know he is one of the best in the whole Church. His whole heart seems to be in this work. We love him and know that he loves each member of the church because he has already proved it to us. God is blessing the work here. Pray for us, that we will stay in the center of God's will and be ready for His coming.—Ruth Childers.

Church A Lighthouse

TRION, Ga.—We are glad to let our many friends know how the Lord is blessing the Church of God at Berryton, Ga. I transferred my membership from Greenville, S. C., a little over a year ago, leaving such a good church there. I was somewhat discouraged when I first came to Georgia, but under the leadership of our dear pastor, Brother Dewey Adams, the church has certainly come out. The Sunday School has done a great work. It has painted the church since Brother Adams has been with us. The church has almost doubled in membership for which we praise God.

Brother Adams has gained the influence of the mill official and the Church of God is a lighthouse to Berryton. I don't believe I ever saw such a loyal crowd of people as is in Berryton. We are expecting by the help of God to make this the best year in the history for The Church of God at Berryton. The church elected me superintendent of the Sunday School for the next quarter and I am going to do my best to make the school grow. Saints, please pray for me that I

will stay humble and ready to do His will at all times.—Your brother in Christ, A. G. Kennington.

A Grand Service

The Church of God Y. P. E. of Whitwell, Tenn., met at the home of Brother and Sister Walter Pickett, Sunday, Jan. 12th. We had a farewell service for Sister Cletie Querls from West Frankfort, Ill. The Lord blessed wonderfully. We had with us Brother and Sister Frank Swaggerty, their little girl and Sister Swaggerty's brother and his wife from Chattanooga. We surely were glad to have them with us and they have a hearty welcome to come again. We enjoyed the music, singing and talks given. We had a feast from heaven. The Lord blessed wonderfully from the beginning to the end. It's wonderful to serve the Lord.

We covet the prayers of all the praying people that the Y. P. E. at Whitwell might cause some lost soul to turn before it is too late, and that we might do everything pleasing to the Lord.—Your sisters in Christ.

A Wonderful Revival

CHRISTIAN, W. Va.—A very successful revival has just gone into history. Brother R. H. Tadlock of Evansville, Ind., was our evangelist and the revival was beneficial in the salvation of many souls. Twenty-two souls were saved, twenty-one sanctified, ten filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and six united with the church. Brother Tadlock seemed to be at his very best in giving out the Word. His ministry was enjoyed by all. We feel certain that if the revival could have continued two weeks longer much more good could have been accomplished, but the evangelist was unable to stay longer. Brother Tadlock went from here to Mallory, W. Va., to hold a revival for Brother J. F. Lowe, our district overseer.—Your brother, John Trent, deacon.

Many Good Things in Store

HIGDEN, Ark.—We praise God for salvation and the many good things our Lord has in store for those who do His will. We praise Him for the good people of Higden and for the many who take part in our service.

This is our first year as pastor. We have given up our other work and are devoting our full time to the ministry, so pray for us. Pray for the ones who are seeking God for salvation and the Holy Ghost. Also pray for the good people who pay their tithes and offerings for our support.—One who wants to do God's will, Golden E. Griffin.

Tri-Unity of God

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the FATHER that sent ME." John 8:18, "I am ONE that bear witness of MYSELF, and the Father that sent me bear-eth witness of me." Dear reader, can you see two parties in that scripture? If not, you surely are blinded to the truth. This agrees with the Word of God that out of the mouth of two witnesses every word will be established.

Tell me how a person can come out from himself, go back to himself, and be greater than himself, then I am through. In John 17:8 Jesus said that He came out from His Father and in John 20:17, that He went back to the Father. In John 14:28 Jesus said, "My Father is greater than I." "But," you say, "does not John 14:9 say that, 'He that hath seen me hath seen the Father'?" If you will turn to Heb. 1:1-3, you will see how you see the Father. Paul said that Jesus came in the express image of a person. But you now say, "What about Isa. 9:6, 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace'?" Yes, we thank God for that scripture. But because He is to be called The everlasting Father does not mean that He is His own Father. Jesus came to earth as the second Adam (1 Cor. 15:47). While the first Adam was the father of the old creation, Jesus, the second Adam, is the father of the new creation, into which we enter by the new birth of the Spirit. May God help us to love and obey the truth.

Pentecostal Showers of Blessing

VERDUNVILLE, W. Va.—No wonder David said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments."

I praise the Lord this morning for the great love and unity we have in our church here, for the great power of God that was manifested in a five weeks' revival here. Brother J. R. West was the evangelist. He preached the Word anointed by the precious Holy Ghost. Glory to God! I can feel His presence now.

Twenty-two were saved, eighteen sanctified, eighteen filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We give God all the glory and thank Him for each one. The altar was full of seekers when the meeting closed. Brother West was a blessing to the

church and our prayers are for his success in his work. We thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. L. Marcum, who have been a blessing to the church. I ask every saint of God to pray that the church at Verdunville will rise and shine for Jesus. Pray for me that I will be a soul winner for Jesus.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. C. C. Vaughan.

REQUESTS

Dear children of God, pray a special prayer for my eyes which are very weak. Pray that God will touch two of my daughters' bodies, also that my son-in-law will get closer to God. I am working among three hundred women. They all need God. Pray that I will be true to Christ and be the means of winning them for Him. Pray a special prayer for one of them—a girl who is not allowed to read the Bible. If any one has papers that I could hand out to them, I would appreciate them. Don't forget to pray much for me and the healing of my eyes.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, 1133 East Milton St., Hazel Park, Mich.

Dear saints, will you all pray much for Miss Angeline L. Cross, Rt. 6, Box 295, Lexington, N. C., who has been in poor health for a number of years. She is seventy-five years old and unsaved, but is interested in reading religious papers and books, but is too poor to buy them. Here is an opportunity to do missionary work by mailing her old copies of Evangels, tracts and any other good literature. Pray for the salvation of her soul.—A friend.

Dear Evangel readers: Please pray for the healing of my body. I am very sick with something like flu and am trusting the Lord for both soul and body. God has healed me before and can heal me again.—Mrs. Bertie Book.

Please pray for me that I may be able to overcome the test I'm going through, be true to Jesus and stay in His will.—Mamie McGuire, Gastonia, N. C.

Please pray for my boys who are out in sin. One has backslidden and my home is not happy.—A sister under the blood.

Saints everywhere, please pray a special prayer for Sister R. H. Reid who is in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn. She has had a serious operation. Please pray for this sister.—Your brother in Christ, J. B. Lindley, Crowder, Miss.

Dear Evangel readers, the Lord has been so good to me. Sometime ago my

heart got in a bad condition and it seemed to get worse. I began to think my life was going to be very short and I knew where I would spend eternity. I began to talk to the Lord and He has touched my body and I am so thankful. Now for the past week I have been having the toothache and I want the children of God everywhere to remember me in your prayers. Also pray that God will give me the Holy Ghost and that I will live a good, holy life before my little boy.—One who loves the Lord, Esther Blair, Lake Park, Ga.

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I am thanking and praising God for filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost when I was about seventeen years old. I have been a member of The Church of God six or seven years. I have a greater determination to go on. I have been having some kind of spells ever since I was just a very small child and I am tempted very much too, but thank God, I am praying much and know God is able to heal and do all things needed. I ask all praying people to pray for God to completely heal my body of these spells if it be His will. I mean to pray more and live closer to Jesus this year than ever before. Please remember me in your prayers.—Lovingly a sister in Christ, Miss Lula Mae Dedge, Lake Park, Ga.

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I praise the Lord for saving and keeping me. He has healed me many times. I am now suffering with my shoulder and neck and I ask all The Church of God people to pray that the Lord will heal my body. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and pray for my husband. He has heart trouble and is out in sin. He believes in the Lord. I have seven children; pray that the Lord will bring them into the fold before it is too late.—One who loves the way of holiness, Mrs. J. Taylor, Blackshear, Ga.

NOTICE

The Church of God at Fitzgerald would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Florene Pitty. If not heard from soon, her name will be dropped from the roll.—Newton Smith, clerk, Fitzgerald, Ga., Rt. 3.

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Let's Go Y. P. E.

Dear brothers and sisters, greetings in Jesus name. Just a few words of praise to God for His goodness to me through the past year. We all have much to praise God for if we are saved in these last days. I thank Him for ever saving me from sin. Thank the good Lord! I also thank Him for the great Church of God and what it means to me, for the way it is spreading in the New England States and for our great overseer, H. W. Poteat.

I thank Him for the opportunity of attending The Church of God Bible and Music School at Appleton, Me., in 1934. It is one of the best places for young boys and girls that I know of, not only boys and girls but the old as well. Come, every one who can, to the Bible and Music School at Appleton, Me.

I thank Him for the opportunity of being at the General Assembly this past fall of 1935, it being my first time to go. I can say it was beyond expression. God wonderfully manifested His power there. One morning when I was suffering with toothache I was walking around in the building and I heard some brethren talking. I found out Brother Rouse was there so I waited until they got through, then I asked him if he would pray for me. He asked me what was the matter with me and I told him. I thought he would take me off in some of those rooms and pray for me. Instead he just laid his hands on my face and the pain stopped at once. He said, "How do you feel now?" I said, "The pain has stopped," so he said, "Go around and praise the Lord," and I did. Some of you folks who have had a bad toothache know what I mean. God's power is just the same today, thank God.

I also praise Him for the way He took care of us Dec. 25, 1935. We had a Christmas program in Portland, Me., this year and decided to put it on at Belfast, so we left Christmas morning at two o'clock for Belfast. There were nine of us in the car. We were going along very good when all at once we decided we were on the wrong road. We turned around and went some other way. When we did we got on what is called the steepest hill in Maine. I never was on it before. They thought I was driving too fast and asked me to slow down so I put on the brakes. I could only see a small space and did not know I was on such a hill. I put on my brakes, and as I did we left the road. The hill was covered with ice and snow. We turned over and then slid and turned end for end and landed on all four wheels. It was a Packard car and had large windows in it. I was driving but I left the front seat and landed on top of the rest in the back, and when

I found myself in that position I didn't know who was killed or hurt so I took the quickest way out. I assisted in helping some out and by that time the others were out. We all began to thank God for keeping us from getting killed. We had to walk about half a mile to a house to get warm and one of the other boys and I went about two miles more to get to a telephone to call Brother H. W. Poteat and some others to come and get us. We could our car for junk for ten dollars and went on to Belfast. They were also having an all-day meeting at Belfast where we were going, so we got there about eleven o'clock and got rested up for the play.

The good people of Belfast took up an offering and got ten dollars more and that made us twenty dollars. Of course the old devil came around and said, "Look at your car—gone, and you all jarred up," but we went on and God blessed in a mighty way that day. We were so glad to get out without getting killed, we did not care much about the car. I just give God the praise for it all.

Don't forget the Bible and Music School at Appleton, Me., next summer, and let's go, Y. P. E., and do our best for God. Pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, Arthur R. Knox, president, Portland Y. P. E., 47 Fore St., Portland, Me.

Were Wonderfully Blessed

SHAWNEETOWN, Ill. — We, the Church of God, have just closed a revival and thank the Lord for saving two, sanctifying one and adding one to the Church of God. The saints were wonderfully blessed. Pray for this place and my family that we may stay true to the Lord.—Yours in the Master's work, Eldon Brayfield, pastor, 402 9th St., Christopher, Ill.

Good Revival at Rochester

ROCHESTER, Tex.—Dear friends everywhere: I praise the dear Lord for what He is to me. We just had a good revival at Rochester. Two were saved, three sanctified, and there was some real good preaching. Brother Neal did the preaching. Last night we had feet washing and the Lord's Supper and the Lord truly blessed.

Pray for me and my family as we have some kind of breaking out. It surely is tormenting. I know the Lord is able to heal. We have been trusting Him a little over a year and I want to trust Him on. Please pray that the dear Lord will undertake. We will give God the glory for it. I want to be a true child of the King.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Grace Keeney.

A Challenge to Religion

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faith with God, sufficient that the Holy Ghost can use us to heal them and then they will come.

Christ said in St. John's writing that the work that He did we could do also, and greater, because He went to the Father. Did He mean that we would learn to sing, preach, and do greater by being better equipped in the ministry? No, no! Have power with God, with our talent in music, singing, or preaching, so we can heal the sick, halt, maimed, lame and blind, and do miracles here for God in His stead, because He is there with the Father to pray that His Father grant us the power to do so in His name.

I hear some say, "We are going to do those great things some time." But I say, When? Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Christ Jesus at the age of twelve stated that He had to be about His Father's business.

EDITORIALS

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in Jesus Christ. I believe that thousands of people will do this very thing.

On the other hand, we see that the cold professors are being overcome daily by the world, partaking of things that are unclean, indulging in conversations that are not holy, practicing things in their business life that gratify their own fleshly desire, and trying to pacify themselves by the thought that in this world of wickedness and trouble they cannot be any better.

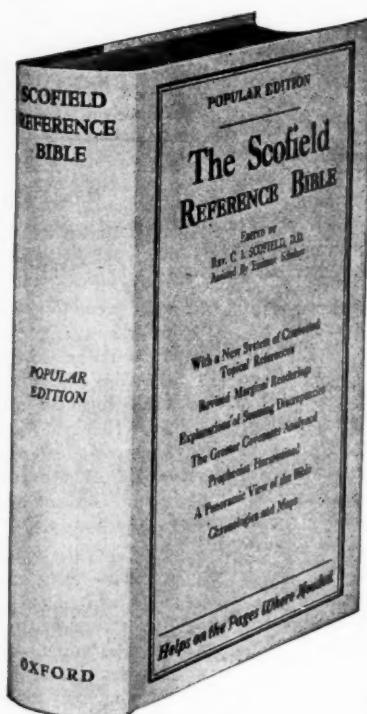
My prayer is that God will help us to hold out the light and throw the lifeline to those who are perishing. From my viewpoint, I am afraid that there is a little letting-down by those who ought to be true and very strict in carrying out the sayings of Jesus and the admonition of the early apostles and prophets, so that those who are weak may be made strong in the Lord.

I believe we are in the very last days, and we certainly are going to need a shelter from the storm of persecution from the ungodly and those who oppose the doctrine of our Christ. Should we lower the standard, it will leave a break for the enemy, and in all probability will cause thousands who are weak to be overcome. Come, let us rally to the flag of truth and lift the standard of true Bible holiness high, that those who need God's refining fires may be able to reach the goal and be made strong in the Lord and in the power of His might so that they may be able to overcome in an evil day.

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